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Driving EU-African Trade by
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Sustainable Trade Regimes with Europe and Africa through Mapping Innovation, New-technology and Growth-mindset - STREAMING

STREAMING OPEN CALL

Knowledge Transfer Grant

STREAMING Consortium

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Weblink for further information (full call text/application forms/guidance): [STREAMING - Sustainable Trade Regimes with Europe and Africa through Mapping Innovation, New-Technology and Growth-Mindset](#)

1. Introduction

This document provides guidance information regarding the STREAMING Open Call, including the eligibility and evaluation criteria. The document in its entirety and all associated Annexes must be read carefully for the submission of an application.

1.1. About STREAMING Project

The African continent, known for its varied ecosystems and fertile land, holds a crucial position in global food systems. Despite its wealth of natural resources, the African food trade sector faces complex challenges that hinder its ability to effectively contribute to food security, economic growth, and poverty alleviation. The African, and thus global, food systems face several challenges, mainly caused by climate change, population growth, conflicts and/or economic barriers. Inadequate logistics and market access in food value chains exacerbate food-harvest loss. Changing climate and weather patterns increase uncertainty of agricultural production. Conflicts disrupt agricultural activities, displace populations, confuse land rights settings and hamper trade. Complex trade regulations, non-tariff barriers, and high tariffs within and outside the continent inhibit intra-regional and international trade of agricultural commodities. Cumbersome customs procedures, sanitary and phytosanitary standards, and inconsistent policies exacerbate market fragmentation and limit market access for African producers. Endemic unemployment, proliferation of temporary jobs and growing discouragement of young people and low quality, informal, survival jobs in developing economies are the main points highlighted in the ILO report on youth unemployment (2012).

Faced with significant population growth, the shrinking public sector and the overly restricted formal private sector can no longer absorb the flow of young people entering the labor market. Unable to find paid employment, young people enter the informal sector by accepting lower quality jobs, as well as health and safety risks, i.e. especially women, having their children with them, sell food products on highways. In Senegal e.g., the informal sector absorbs 80 to 97% of the jobs created among young people and women in family-type micro-enterprises. These jobs, for the most part, are characterized by their precariousness (subsistence jobs), a low productivity, modest incomes, reduced growth margin due to numerous constraints. The limitations are of a (1) technical nature (lack of adequate equipment and appropriate technical training), (2) economic (scarcity and difficulties of access to financing); (3) institutional (managerial difficulties to facilitate the creation and development of modern local businesses), and finally (4) social (social context not very conducive to risk taking and technological entrepreneurship). Significant efforts by governments have not been successful to consolidate the activity rate of young people, despite recent positive efforts of African countries have led to the signed the African Continental Free Trade Agreement and the action plan for Boosting Intra-African Trade. Further, limited access to timely and accurate market information inhibits informed decision-making by farmers, traders, and policymakers. Information gaps regarding prices, demand trends, and supply chain dynamics constrain market efficiency, reduce competitiveness, and hinder value chain development.

Therefore, STREAMING aims to develop diverse strategies to achieve fair, healthy and environment-friendly food systems to have a direct impact on trade policy in Africa and Europe by making recommendations for the improvement of policies e.g. to remove the non-tariff barriers of trade between farmers and other businesses in Africa and the international markets. This

shall be done with focusing on supporting innovations within the food system and strengthen the entrepreneurial mindset among various target groups, e.g. women, researcher, students, farmers etc. In particular, the connection between basic research and practice partners will be fostered through networking platforms and innovation hubs. Furthermore, scouting of startups and innovative business ideas as well as hackathons will be conducted, where the most impactful concepts receive funding, mentoring to accelerate their business models. Special trainings and workshops are offered to women (SDG4 quality education, SDG5 gender equality) and farmers to address local challenges in their region. Finally, an open online platform is raising awareness about diets with alternative protein sources, local crops and animal welfare, addressing SDG2 (zero hunger), SDG12 (responsible consumption and production), SDG 14 (life below water), SDG15 (life on land). The project aspires to uncover the nuanced barriers that go beyond traditional tariffs, thus providing a granular understanding of the impediments to intra-African and EU-AU trade. Recognizing the multifaceted nature of trade dynamics, the project places a significant emphasis on the engagement of diverse stakeholders, including trade officials, industry representatives, and academic experts to validate the empirical findings and align the research outcomes with the practical needs of the trade community. This participatory approach not only enhances the validity of the research but also ensures the relevance and applicability of the findings, fostering a collaborative platform for knowledge exchange and consensus building.

The STREAMING project will benefit from the extensive experience and results of its partners from various EU and international research projects, which have focused on urban-rural systems, food system resilience, sustainability, and food safety. These collaborations form a solid foundation for STREAMING's success. Key projects include: FS4Africa (https://foodsafety4africa.eu/), involving WU and BAYFOR, aims to improve African food safety systems, particularly in the informal sector. The project focuses on transforming local markets to enhance food security and regional trade while reducing negative impacts on the environment, biodiversity, health, and society. An AI platform provided by Ubuntu (https://app.ubuntoo.com/g/foodsafety4africa) supports these food safety initiatives. WU is also part of the UpRise project, an EU-AU partnership aimed at developing resilient, inclusive, and safe food systems for everyone. HAW International, a collaboration between HSWT and a Kenyan university funded by DAAD Germany, develops short courses and an international master program in entrepreneurship in food and agriculture. This initiative aims to facilitate the transfer of innovative technologies and products to the market, focusing on students, farmers, and especially female founders. WEFACE, also funded by DAAD Germany, focuses on the socio-economic empowerment of women, young people, and families, promoting sustainable local economic development.

Proximed (https://proximedprima.eu/), led by HSWT, addresses the challenge of ensuring a sufficient protein supply for resilient local food supply chains by exploring and implementing products using alternative proteins. These projects have laid the groundwork for STREAMING by addressing critical aspects of food systems, including safety, sustainability, socio-economic empowerment, and technological innovation. The insights and advancements from these initiatives will be instrumental in the successful execution of STREAMING, enabling the development of resilient local food supply chains.

1.2. STREAMING Open Call Requirements

A major part of STREAMING's concept is built around financial support to Third Parties, which will comprise i) two Open Calls for Innovations as cascade funding, and ii) co-financing participation of vulnerable groups in capacity building workshops that do not have possibility to participate otherwise. The first call is this call for Knowledge Transfer published December 2025, the second call for Innovation Transfer will be published in the second half of 2026. HSWT will lead and supervise the mentioned processes and payments and has vast experience in managing open calls through its 'Food Start-up Incubator' programmes. The consortium commits to adhere and ensure competitive, inclusive, fair and transparent Open call processes and co-financing mechanisms for workshop participants and external solution providers like software developers. The total amount dedicated to the financial support to third parties in STREAMING Open Calls is 875,000 € (~ 19.76% of project budget) to maximize the projects impact and empowerment.

Open Calls for Innovations

Within STREAMING, two major areas for the Open Calls will be addressed:

A) **Knowledge transfer grant** (this call) for content and learning materials for a learning platform in the field of innovative technologies and nutrition (e.g. sustainable farming systems, micronutrient deficiencies, food waste reduction) – total dedicated sum 275.000€.

B) **Innovation transfer grant** (to be published in second half 2026) for the realization of resilient and sustainable food value chains from farm to fork based on the most relevant challenges (e. g. alternative protein sources for food and feed, food processing & packaging, sustainable aquaculture) – total dedicated sum 600.000€

For these grants, in addition to a call text also criteria for evaluation and a steering committee for the final decisions will be established. Applications for the different calls will be evaluated and grant recipients identified by an Evaluation Steering Committee formed from carefully selected external scientists, representatives from industry and startups coming from Africa and Europe. For the second open call a separate call document will be published in the second half of 2026.

2. STREAMING Open Call for Knowledge Transfer Grants

The knowledge transfer grant should include the most relevant topics for innovations within a sustainable food supply not yet covered by the consortium of STREAMING and in addition at aiming for a stronger foundation in stakeholder countries. The topics covering relevant challenges for a sustainable food supply chain are:

Topic	Number of grants per topic
Traceability within the food supply chain	1
Life cycle assessment of food products	1
Sustainable farming systems	2
Nutritional requirements	2
Reducing micronutrient deficiencies	2
Food waste reduction	1
Food safety	1
Scaling of innovations in the food supply chain	1

2.1. General Information

In the Open Call for Knowledge Transfer STREAMING will provide a total funding of 275,000€ to finance 11 grants. The **digital learning courses** shall connect research partners from Europe and Africa with practical partners like farmers, food producers/processors or start-up founders. Proposal and budget can include scholarships for specific target groups to increase outreach. Applicants to the call shall be Third Parties, these can be research institutions, universities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), industry, innovation hubs, vocational institutions and colleges as individual institution or in a consortium comprised of a maximum of three entities. These courses should especially be developed by experts from Africa aware of the local challenges. Focus will be set to Third Parties coming from African countries, i.e. minimum 60 % of the budget will be given to applicants from the African Union. As part of its core values, this Open Call is furthermore committed to promoting gender equality and therefore actively encourages the participation of women-led organizations and female innovators. Proposals involving women in leading roles - including coordination, technical leadership, and strategic decision-making - are strongly welcomed and will be positively considered during the evaluation process. Third parties to be selected can be located also outside the STREAMING countries.

Table 1: Application and selection timeline

	Activity	Date
	Launch of the Open Call	19.12.2025

	Activity	Date
Application and selection	Deadline for submitting the pro-posals	02.03.2026
	Eligibility check	03.2026
	Evaluation and selection	03.-06.2026
	Evaluation results, contracting and baseline survey	15.07.2026

	Activity
Implementation	Phase 1: Development of learning materials
	Phase 2: Use and adaption
	Phase 3: Handing over

2.1.1. Objectives & Expected Results

In the field of knowledge transfer, the financial support to third parties will offer a free access to the most relevant topics within a sustainable food supply chain. With the development of these training courses, an intuitive access to innovative technologies from farming till retail will be possible. The training materials developed by the Third-Party experts in the different fields should all contain innovative digital learning tools, like interactive videos, applications notes, process descriptions or recipes for sustainable food products.

With examples from practice, the intuitive courses should enable an easy access to the latest developments in sustainability within the whole food supply chain like the reduction of food waste by preservation of fruits or vegetables or the traceability of goods along complex supply chains. In addition, with the courses focusing on health effects (e.g. nutritional requirements, reducing micronutrient deficiencies) people in public health should get access to possibility reducing malnutrition and thus improving health in the African countries.

2.1.2. Types of activities, calculation & maximum amount

Within the call, the activities should include especially personal resources for the development of the digital courses, the testing and the later improvement based on the feedback from their piloting. Maximum amount for one grant will be 25.000 €. The overall budget for the planned eleven grants will be 275.000 € as long as all topics are covered.

2.1.3. Category of persons supported

Within the different calls universities, business schools as well as research institutes or NGO`s from Africa or Europe will be addressed for application. Focus will be set to Third Parties coming from African countries being aware of the most thrilling applications in their home countries, i.e. minimum 60 % of the budget should be given to applicants from the African Union.

2.1.4. Criteria and procedures for giving financial support

The following criteria will be taken for the evaluation of the proposals submitted within the different calls:

a) Professional excellence in the topic of the call (20 %)
b) Didactic know-how and experience (20 %)
c) Concept, content and didactic instruments used for the course (40 %)
d) Impact (20 %)

The selection will be conducted in a single stage procedure. Four independent experts will evaluate the submitted applications for the grants with the support of a structured guideline. Applications having the best evaluation based on points given for each criterion and fulfilling the defined threshold for each criterion will receive the funding. In case of even scores, the applicant with a higher evaluation in the impact section will be selected. Applications will be assessed not only on scientific and technical excellence but also on their sustainability as well as their inclusivity and regional origin. Gender balance within project teams and efforts to promote female participation in decision-making and implementation will be considered as part of the evaluation criteria, particularly in cases of proposals with otherwise equal scores. Successful proposals will be contacted by email at the end of the evaluation period (30th of June 2026) no later than July 15th. Furthermore, all evaluations results will be published at the projects website.

2.2. Targeted topics

Within STREAMING Open Call for Knowledge Transfer, digital learning materials (e.g. online courses, apps etc.) for the following topics of content are expected to be funded. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals based on their own expertise related to the interest of STREAMING Open Call and offering training content for innovations relevant to the sustainable food trade regimes. The **sub-topics listed below are only examples** and applicants are very much encouraged to propose alternative digital learning materials based on their expertise. Applicants must **choose one main topic** they want to address and can indicate an alternative topic that is also addressed by their digital learning materials.

2.2.1. Traceability within the food supply chain (1 Grant)

- Trade apps supporting smallholders, especially women farmers and traders and their organizations in complying with trade requirements through learning and enabling.
- Direct sales training for smallholders, especially women farmers and their organizations.
- Market access for smallholders, especially women farmers and their organizations.
- Value Chain development

- Basic traceability systems and upstream solutions, potentially linked to the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR).
- Certification, e.g. Fair Trade, to achieve traceability in membership organizations.

2.2.2. Life cycle assessment of food products (1 Grant)

- Life cycle assessment for improved access to trade opportunities

2.2.3. Nutritional requirements (2 Grants)

- Trade opportunities with knowledge of indigenous food nutritional properties.
- Awareness raising material for neglected and underutilized crops and indigenous food and food processing knowledge to address nutritional gaps.
- Food preservation and processing.
- Alternative protein sources, e.g. insects, neglected crops. 2

2.2.4. Reducing micro-nutrient deficiencies (2 Grants)

- Training and awareness raising material for neglected and underutilized crops and indigenous food and food processing knowledge to address micro-nutrient deficiencies.
- Food preservation and processing.
- Traditional food fortification.
- Alternative farming systems, vertical farming, indoor farming.

2.2.5. Food waste reduction (1 Grants)

- Addressing food waste in national, regional and international trade.
- Food preservation and processing, including hot and cold smoking of meat and fish.
- Coaching on product development.

2.2.6. Sustainable farming systems (2 Grant)

- Climate smart agriculture training,
- Water management.
- Land use planning.

2.2.7. Food safety (1 Grant)

- Addressing food safety in national, regional and international trade.
- Food safety.
- Biological fruit fly control.

2.2.8. Scaling of innovations in the food supply chain (1 Grant)

- Food trade system transformation training, mega-trends and priorities for action.
- Leadership development for innovation scaling.
- Access to finance for scaling food system innovations.
- Support the role out of innovations identified by the applicant that will drive a transformation of the agrifood system with focus on women.

2.3. Technical requirements for digital content and learning materials

Proposals submitted for knowledge transfer under the present call must cover all the requirements listed. Meeting additional requirements may increase the likelihood of receiving funding.

Obligatory requirements:

- The scope of the course should include at least 30 x 45 minutes of self-study.
- Recipients of funding must hold all rights to all documents in the developed course offering and, in addition, must have the right to transfer these rights to the members of the streaming consortium free of charge
- The courses developed must be accessible (e.g., subtitles in all videos, audio tracks for all texts)
- The course content should be practically oriented
- The course chapters should be built up with short videos including examples from practice, text sections, quizzes and links to further content
- Self-made text sections and videos should account for almost 80% of the self-study time
- Focus on practical examples for all content provided and best practice cases

Additional requirements:

- Development of interactive course content (e.g. interactive videos, texts, quizzes)
- Gamification elements
- H5P elements if suitable included in the course

2.4. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants **must meet the general eligibility criteria** as defined under Horizon Europe guidelines and the specific conditions for Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) in accordance with *Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation* laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing *Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013.* Furthermore, they must be in line with the specific provisions of the main Grant Agreement under which this Open Call is funded (No. 101182256).

Before discussing general eligibility guidelines, below criteria for exclusion of funding under FSTP:

Not eligible are:

1. Legal entities established in Russia, Belarus, or in non-government-controlled territories of Ukraine,
2. Entities subject to the measures for the protection of the Union budget against breaches of the principles of the rule of law in Hungary.
3. Entities subject to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) as well as Article 75 TFEU.

Detailed eligibility criteria for the STREAMING Open Call are:

- Eligible countries: Legal entities established in the EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated Countries are eligible to receive financial support (for a detailed list and all relevant criteria please check the following site: Association to Horizon Europe - Research and innovation).Furthermore, legal entities established in all African Union member states are exceptionally eligible for funding. African Union member states include countries whose membership has been temporarily suspended.
- The topics and activities outlined under the FSTP have been carefully selected to address specific needs that are explicitly outside the expertise and capacity of the project consortium members as this is clearly stated in the project proposal to ensure transparency and appropriate use of funding.
- Applicants can be individual entities, or a small consortium comprised of 2 to 3 partners (minimum 2, maximum 3 entities) coming from universities, business schools, research institutes or NGO`s from Africa or Europe; In case of a proposal of a consortium, a single beneficiary needs to be the contracting partner responsible for communication and funding.
- The applicants must be legally established at the time of the proposal submission. Having a valid VAT number is mandatory, however, in case having VAT number is not mandatory according to the national legislation of the applicant's country, a registration number from the respective national authority (National business registry, Commercial court or similar) must be provided.
- Consortium members of STREAMING project and their affiliated entities (current or future) are not eligible for the STREAMING Open Call on knowledge transfer.

- The proposal must be submitted by the defined deadline. Only activities that will be carried out within the grant duration are eligible for funding. Of course, this does not exclude the usage of e.g., results, IP, infrastructures or approaches already held by the applicants.

- Each applying consortium may submit only one proposal to the STREAMING Open Call. In case an applying consortium submits more than one application in the Open Call, only the last one received (timestamp of the system) will be considered, and the remaining applications will automatically be excluded from the evaluation process. In case an applicant wants to re-submit the application, they need to create a new account to do so, keeping in mind that each account must have a unique email address, therefore another email address must be used to resubmit the application. If the last submitted application is declared as non-eligible or below the evaluation threshold upon evaluation, the other submitted applications will not be taken into consideration. The same applies to the consortium partners – each entity may participate only in one consortium.

- The fundamental principle underpinning the rules for public expenditure in the EU states that no costs for the same activity can be funded twice from the EU budget, as defined in the Article 111 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation. The applicants must demonstrate that there is no risk of double funding. In the case of applications submitted by linked SMEs, all must clearly state the differences between them, including but not limited to, technical aspects, market strategy and team composition, so that no doubt remains that there is no risk of double funding. To properly assess these concerns STREAMING may assign all applications to the same set of evaluators and, should any doubt remain, exclude all applications. In case of applying consortia, appearance of an entity in multiple applying consortia is not allowed, so it will also be treated as a risk of double funding and consequently, all applications from consortia where this entity is present will automatically be discarded as ineligible.

- The project recognizes the underrepresentation of women in the agri-food and sustainable innovation sectors. Therefore, this Open Call seeks to contribute to structural change by supporting projects that empower women and foster inclusive innovation ecosystems. Proposals that integrate gender-sensitive approaches and demonstrate impact on female engagement will be considered strategically relevant.

2.5. Submission Procedure

2.5.1. Submission

Please be advised that all proposals must be submitted exclusively via email to: **STREAMING@bayfor.org** . Submissions through any other channel will not be considered.

Proposals must therefore:

- Be submitted before the official call deadline;
- Use the official templates provided;
- Address the objectives and scope of the call;
- Request funding not exceeding the maximum limit per sub-project.

Upon receipt of a proposal, a formal confirmation of receipt ("Receipt of Acknowledgment") will be issued. Please note that only proposals accompanied by this confirmation shall be deemed as duly submitted. In the absence of such confirmation, the proposal will be regarded as not received.

Documents required in subsequent phases will be submitted via dedicated channels, which will be indicated by the STREAMING consortium in the contracting phase.

2.5.1. Redress

Applicants have the right to a transparent, fair and impartial evaluation process. In line with the principles of transparency, equal treatment and non-discrimination, applicants may request a review ("redress") if they consider that a procedural error has occurred during the evaluation or selection process of this Open Call.

The redress procedure aims to ensure that the evaluation process has been conducted in accordance with the applicable rules and the conditions set out in this Call. It does not aim to call into question the merits of the proposal or the evaluators' professional judgement. It is strictly limited to **procedural aspects** of the evaluation and selection process, such as:

- Incorrect application of the eligibility, admissibility or evaluation criteria;
- Failure to comply with the procedures described in the Call text;
- Manifest procedural errors or inconsistencies in the evaluation process.

Complaints that solely express disagreement with the outcome of the evaluation or the scores awarded, without demonstrating a concrete procedural error, are not admissible.

A request for redress shall be considered admissible only if:

- It is submitted by the legal representative of the applicant (or the coordinator, in the case of a consortium);
- It clearly identifies the alleged procedural error(s);
- It provides a reasoned and substantiated explanation of how the alleged error may have affected the evaluation or selection result;
- It complies with the deadlines and formal requirements set out in this section.

Requests for redress must be submitted in writing within **30 calendar days** from the date of receipt of the official notification of the evaluation results.

The request shall be sent solely to STREAMING@bayfor.org. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Upon receipt, the redress request will be registered and assessed by the external ethics advisor being independent from the original evaluation process. The review will focus exclusively on the alleged procedural aspects and will not involve a re-evaluation of the proposal's technical or scientific content, unless a confirmed procedural error justifies such action. The applicant will be informed of the outcome of the redress procedure within a month of receipt.

The outcome of the redress procedure will be communicated to the applicant in writing and will include a brief explanation of the conclusions reached. If a procedural error is confirmed, appropriate corrective measures may be taken, which may include a partial or full re-assessment of the proposal. A successful redress request does not automatically lead to funding, but only to the correction of the identified procedural shortcomings.

2.6. Origin of the Funds

Successful applicants will furthermore sign a Sub-Grant Agreement with the coordinators office at University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan-Triesdorf (HSWT) on behalf of the STREAMING-project consortium.

Beneficiaries must comply with:

- Horizon Europe rules on ethics, open access, data management and gender equality;
- Visibility requirements (acknowledging EU funding in all related outputs);
- Reporting and financial procedures as defined in the Sub-Grant Agreement
- Obligations concerning dissemination and exploitation of results.

The funds provided to the Sub-grant Agreement come directly from the funds of the European Project STREAMING funded itself by the European Commission under Grant Agreement Number 101182256. It is the responsibility of the sub-grantees to fulfil these obligations that correspond to recipients of the Financial Support to Third Parties, and of the STREAMING consortium partners to inform them of these.

All entities mentioned in Article 25 of the Main Grant Agreement, including the European Commission (or its authorised representative), the European Court of Auditors and the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) as well as the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) (or other competent authorities) can carry out audits, checks and investigations relating to the implementation of the action at any times. Recipients of funding therefore must allow access to all relevant records, supporting documents, and bank statements, for the period specified in the Grant Agreement and up to five years after project completion. Furthermore, proper and orderly accounts and supporting documentation in accordance with the requirements of the Grant Agreement, EU financial rules (such as Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union) and any applicable national law, allowing verification of the proper use of the funds and the eligibility of incurred costs is mandatory.

Additionally, personal data needs to be processed in compliance with Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). All applications and evaluations will remain confidential.

The call text and related documents are governed by EU law and the terms of the Horizon Europe Grant Agreement No. 101182256. The STREAMING consortium reserves the right to modify or cancel the call at any time before the deadline. Funding decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

3. Additional Information

3.1. Open Call Kit

The Open Call Kit provides all essential information and documentation required to prepare and submit a proposal under this call. It is intended to guide applicants through the entire application process - from understanding the call objectives to fulfilling formal submission requirements. The kit therefore includes all necessary documents for the submission of a proposal as displayed down below.

Following a successful evaluation, the required contractual documents will be prepared in coordination with the selected consortium or legal entity. These documents will be signed prior to the start of the official funding period.

These include, among others, the *Declaration on Double Funding for Recipients* as well as *Model Sub-Grant-Agreement.*

1. **Open Call for Proposals,** i.e. the official publication notice.
2. **Knowledge Transfer Call text**, this document.
3. **Proposal template**, word document to be submitted as a PDF in the application phase.
4. **Declaration of Honour (DoH)**, a mandatory statement confirming the applicant's eligibility and compliance with the call's rules.
5. **Consortium Agreement**, document mandatory for applying consortia.
6. **Declaration on double funding for recipients**, to be signed at proposal submission as well at the end of the project.

Applicants are strongly advised to read all documents carefully before submitting their proposal. The Open Call Kit is available for download on the official project website @STREAMING – Driving EU-African Trade by Food Chain Innovations under the section *Open Calls - Knowledge Transfer Grant.*

Note: STREAMING consortium reserves the right to ask for additional explanations from the applicants during the eligibility check.

3.2. Contacts

The STREAMING consortium will provide information to the applicants only via the projects website at https://streamingproject.eu, so that the information (question and answer) will be visible for all participants of the call. In case of any administrative issues, applicants are asked to either contact the STREAMING coordinators office at University of Applied Sciences Weihenstephan-Triesdorf (HSWT) or the project management partner Bavarian Research Alliance (BayFOR) under the contact details displayed down below:

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